CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA RESOLUTION #20-2020

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN A STATE OF ALASKA GRANT AGREEMENT FOR A FEDERAL PASS-THROUGH AWARD OF APPROXIMATELY \$902,928.77 UNDER THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS

WHEREAS, in response to a COVID19 pandemic declared by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020, and a Declaration of Public Health Disaster Emergency declared by Alaska Governor Dunleavy on March 11, 2020, the City Manager declared an emergency under WMC 2.64 on March 23, 2020, ratified by the Whittier City Council under Resolution #14-2020 on March 25, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Legislature is passing through federal funds to Alaska municipalities through the Coronavirus Relief Fund, approved under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES), with Whittier's share of funds estimated at \$902,929; and

WHEREAS, the CARES Act requires that local governments use the funds to cover only those costs that 1) are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the COVID19 disease; 2) were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 for the state or local government; and 3) were incurred during the period March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City expects to receive the first payment in the amount of \$404,303.27 after the grant agreement has been fully executed; and

WHEREAS, the second and third payments of \$249,312.75 will be made when at least 80% of the prior payments have been expended; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the community, that the City accept these funds to defray costs resulting from the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Whittier City Council authorizes the City Manager to: 1) execute any documents necessary to accept and expend funds in the approximate amount of \$902,928.77 from the State of Alaska to respond to the COVID19 public health emergency; 2) establish a Special Revenue Fund for the purposes of tracking costs related to the program and to accept and appropriate federal pass-through funds to the COVID19 Relief Fund; and 3) to appropriate funds as necessary to reimburse the City's own COVID19-related response expenditures. The City further agrees to return any funds not liquidated within thirty days following completion of the grant performance period, or before January 30, 2021, whichever comes first.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the Whittier City Council on this 7th day of July, 2020.

ATTEST:

Naełene Matsumiya City Clerk

Ayes: 5
Nays: 6
Absent: 2
Abstain: 7

Mayor